

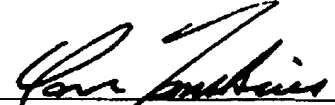
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Re Application of: **Ron CRAIK**
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Title: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR STORING AND
RETRIEVING EQUIPMENT INSPECTION AND
MAINTENANCE DATA**
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
FINAL ACTION DATED MAY 13, 2005**

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A. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

1. Amendment Filed Within Shortened Statutory Period

The present amendment is in response to the Final Action mailed May 13, 2005, and is being filed within the three-month shortened statutory reply period which expires August 13, 2005.

2. Amendment Filed With Request for Continued Examination

The present amendment is accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114.

3. Credit Card Payment Form Enclosed

A Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038 is enclosed, authorizing payment of the RCE filing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e).

4. Amendments to the Application

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments to the claims in accordance with the listing of claims beginning on page 3 of this paper, and also requests consideration of the related remarks and arguments beginning on page 10.